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Mid-August 1949

1. Several houses on streets near the Kuerassier Kaserne, PASSEWALK (N 54/Q 16), had to be vacated by the civilian residents. About three hundred families were evacuated to NEU-BRANDENBURG (N 54/U 66) and TEMPLIN (N 54/U 81). About two thousand troops of AAA, armored reconnaissance and infantry units were quartered in the Kuerassier Kaserne at that time.

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Early August 1949

2. a. Three to four hundred recruits of the 1928 through 1930 classes arrived in PASSEWALK. The recruits allegedly came from the Ukraine.

Early September 1949

- b. About two thousand troops with thirty 105-mm guns, 50 trucks and 20 passenger cars were quartered in the kaserne. Several houses near the kaserne had to be vacated for Soviet families.

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10 September 1949

3. A convoy of 12 full-track prime movers towing 150-mm guns and numerous trucks occupied by about three hundred troops wearing artillery and motor transport insignia arrived in PASSEWALK from the direction of STETTIN (O 54/Q 56). The guns had four-wheel mounts with solid tires.

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19 September 1949

4. a. The unit in the Kuerassier Kaserne, PASSEWALK, was inspected by a general and his staff. This inspection was said to complete a several-months recruit training period.

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b. Ten boxcarloads of ammunition (in boxes 32 x 20 x 16 inches) arrived at the PASSEWALK freight station. The ammunition was hauled to the Kuersassier Kaserne by trucks, three with the numbers:

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28 September 1949

5. a. Artillery units of about eight hundred troops were quartered in the Kuersassier Kaserne on Hohenfriedbergstrasse, PASSEWALK. Most of the soldiers were about 20 years of age. Twenty-five AT guns were stored in one kaserne garage. Trucks with the following numbers were seen at the kaserne:

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Some signal troops and a tank captain were also seen in the kaserne area.

b. Military personnel observed in the streets of PASSEWALK were almost exclusively officers, most being artillery officers, some signal officers. The following trucks were identified:

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3 October 1949

6. The number of troops in the PASSEWALK kaserne increased after early September 1949. Most of the troops, who had arrived in several shipments, were recruits between 17 and 19 years of age. Three trucks, including the [REDACTED], all occupied by troops, left the kaserne, going towards GLETTIN.

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17 October 1949

7. Twelve trucks, six 76.2-mm AT guns and about two hundred troops were entrained at the PASSEWALK railroad station for an unidentified destination. Four of the trucks had the following numbers:

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Field Comment:

According to previous information, PASSEWALK has been a military post of the 9th Gds Tank Div since the summer of 1949. Troops of the 33rd Gds Atz Rifle Regt and artillery unit are stationed there.

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